public work or improvement or to furnish the supplies and [equipment,] EQUIPMENT. [which advertisement] THE PUBLIC NOTICE shall state the date, time and place of opening of the [bids; and the] BIDS.

- (C) THE bids shall be opened in the presence of an employee designated by the County Commissioners of Carroll [County, and the] COUNTY.
- (D) THE County Commissioners of Carroll County shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid is considered reasonable, or in their discretion, may reject any or all bids.
- (E) The County Commissioners may authorize nonprofit entities that are funded by the County or eligible to receive county funds, to participate in county procurement contracts.
- (F) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF PURCHASING TO PARTICIPATE IN COOPERATIVE OR PIGGYBACK PURCHASING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OR ASSOCIATIONS, PROVIDED PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE BID IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SOLICITING AGENCY OR ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.

CHAPTER 276

(House Bill 1258)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County - Democratic Party Central Committee - Composition

FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing that the provisions of this Act are contingent on the Legislative Districting Plan of 2002 that took effect on February 22, 2002 remaining unchanged with respect to the legislative districts lying in whole or in part in Baltimore County as a result of an order issued by a court in any lawsuit filed challenging the constitutionality or legality of the Plan; providing for the number and method of electing the members of the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the composition of the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 4-203(c)